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SUBJECT:ARMS EMBARGO: REPORTED USE OF U.S. CIVILIAN  
PLANES FOR MILITARY PURPOSES

1. IN JULY 1975 SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
AFRICA HEARINGS ON SOUTH AFRICA JENNIFER DAVIS, RESEARCH  
DIRECTOR, AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON AFRICA, CHARGED THAT U.S.  
MANUFACTURED LIGHT PLANES, SUCH AS CESSNAS AND PIPERS, WERE  
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BEING USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES IN VIOLATION OF ARMS

EMBARGO. SHE REFERRED TO THE DOCUMENT ENTITLED THE MILITARY BALANCE 1974-1975 PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES IN LONDON, WHICH LISTS IN SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE INVENTORY ONE SQUADRON OF CESSNA 185 A/D AND 185 E AIRCRAFT. ALSO LISTED IN SAAF RESERVES ARE 20 CESSNA 185 A/D AND 185 E AIRCRAFT PLUS 12 AIR COMMANDO SQUADRONS OF PRIVATE AIRCRAFT.

2. DEPARTMENT IS BEGINNING TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS SUBJECT AND REQUESTS EMBASSY TO CHECK INTO ALLEGATIONS THAT SAAF INVENTORY CONTAINS CESSNAS. IF ALLEGATIONS ARE TRUE, WE WOULD DESIRE CONFIRMATION OUR BELIEF THAT CESSNAS WERE PLACED IN SAAF INVENTORY PRIOR TO 1963 ARMS EMBARGO AS NO CESSNAS HAVE BEEN SOLD TO OUR KNOWLEDGE TO SAAF SINCE IMPOSITION OF ARMS EMBARGO. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE

WHATEVER INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ON ANOTHER CHARGE THAT AIR COMMANDOS USING CESSNAS AND OTHER U.S. BUILT PLANES RECEIVE MILITARY TRAINING FROM SAAF.

3. IN HER STATEMENT JENNIFER DAVIS REFERS TO BRITISH ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT ALLEGATIONS IN JUNE 1975 THAT SEVERAL NATO MEMBERS INCLUDING U.S. HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT ADVOKAAT, THE SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION AT SILVERMINE.

ACCORDING TO DAVIS, BRITISH ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT RELEASED DOCUMENTS SHOWING THAT ORDERS FOR PARTS FOR PROJECT ADVOKAAT HAD BEEN PLACED WITH COMPANIES IN THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMA-

TION PRETORIA OR LONDON MIGHT HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT. DEPARTMENT HAS NOT LICENSED U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR SALE BY U.S. COMPANIES TO SAG. ROBINSON

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